GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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SAFETY MEASURES AT I.G.I. AIRPORT
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;ASHOK KUMAR PATEL;JASWANT SINGH YADAV;NEDURUMALLI JANARDHANA REDDY

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem captioned `IGI airport safety at the mercy ofweather Gods` appearing in Statesman dated December 12, 2000;

(b) whether the ILS-III which was set up at airport during the last February is not working till date;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether any inquiry has since been conducted in this regard;

(e) if so, the findings thereof;

(f) whether in the absence of any advance ILS,the pilots are facing difficulties particularly during winter season; and (g) if so, the corrective steps the Government now propose to take in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Cat.III Instrument Landing System(ILS)was installed at IGIAirport, Delhi on 14.2.1999. However, it was made operational as Cat.II because additional ground facilities like Runway Centre-line Lights, Approach Lights etc.were to be provided.The civil works could be taken up in November, 1999. The delay was due to the ban imposed by the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India onthe use of hot-mix plant in Delhi.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) The Cat.IIIA system has now been installed and is likely tobe made operational by March, 2001.Indian Pilots have already been trained for Cat.II operations. Afterthey acquire requisite experience o f Cat.II operations, they will be authorised for Cat.III operations.